



*The Parish of
S. Philip & S. James
Up Hatherley*



Parish Magazine

May 2026



Pentecost

*S. Philip and S. James Parish Church,
Cold Pool Lane, Up Hatherley, Cheltenham, GL51 6HX.*

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Church Calendar

May 2026

Fri 1st May
Sat 2nd May
Sun 3rd May
Mon 4th May
Tue 5th May
Wed 6th May
Thur 7th May
Fri 8th May
Sat 9th May
Sun 10th May
Mon 11th May
Tue 12th May
Wed 13th May
Thur 14th May
Fri 15th May
Sat 16th May
Sun 17th May
Mon 18th May
Tue 19th May
Wed 20th May
Thur 21st May
Fri 22nd May
Sat 23rd May
Sun 24th May
Mon 25th May
Tue 26th May
Wed 27th May
Thur 28th May
Fri 29th May
Sat 30th May
Sun 31st May

SS Philip & James
St Athanasius
5th Sunday of Easter
THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
Feria
Feria
Feria
Feria
Feria
6th Sunday in Eastertide
Feria (Rogation Day)
Feria
Feria
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Feria
Feria
7th Sunday of Easter
Feria
Feria
Feria
Feria
Feria
Feria
Pentecost Sunday
Feria
Feria
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
Feria
Feria
Feria
TRINITY SUNDAY

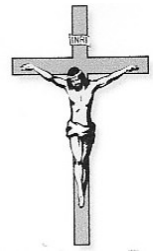
SUNDAYS: 10:00 Parish Mass

WEEKDAYS: Said Mass on Thursdays is **suspended** during the vacancy.

For times of other services please see the church noticeboard or
visit our parish website.

The church is open daily for Private Prayer and closes at 15.00 (3pm).

The Years Mind



Every day the Church remembers and prays for the souls of those whose anniversary of death falls during the month. Below are those who we remember this month.

- 1st Marie Elaine Brookes.*
- 2nd John Frederick Orton.*
- 3rd Lance Wilson.*
- 4th Joan Valerie Scammell.*
- 6th Glynn Thompson.*
- 9th Paula Anne Fisher.*
- 11th Dorothy Brenda May Budd, Freda Bogle.*
- 12th Irene May Mills, Ervin Petts, Frances Courtland Coleman.*
- 14th Elizabeth Vere Battin.*
- 15th Jeanne Margaret Graham.*
- 18th Elizabeth Caroline Haylock.*
- 19th Kenneth William Hedges.*
- 20th Charles Hending, Donald Williams, Bertram John Jones.*
- 21st Emily Elizabeth Newman, Elzbieta Krzywy.*
- 22nd Laura Dyer, Nellie Surman*
- 23rd Jimmy Walker.*
- 24th Colin Benedict Thurston, Iris Bennett.*
- 25th Celia Disbrey.*
- 26th Hugh John Harrington*
- 27th Philip William Mansell, Edward James Ilott, Gertrude Sealey.*
- 28th Robert Stanley Jones, Margaret Patricia Kuk.*
- 29th John Ayre Jefferys, Ellen Mary Ilsley.*
- 30th Steven Mark Jones.*



'STARTERS'

Our Sunday morning children's group

meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

at 10:00 in the Church Centre.

**Worship & activities before joining
the adults in Church
for the rest of the Mass.**

Go to our website:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14268

for weekly children's activity sheets.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU.**

Puzzle Time

Wild Flowers

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Agrimony

Burnet Rose

Columbine

Plaintain

Bee Orchid

Bush Vetch

Common Broom

Red Valerian

Bell Heather

Buttercup

Cow Parsley

Speedwell

Bindweed

Chickweed

Gorse

Thistle

Black Bryony

Cleavers

Oxeye Daisy

Wild Garlic

Bluebell

Coltsfoot

Pimpernell

Willow Herb

Up Hatherley Parish Council

We held our Annual Parish meeting in April and, as is customary, we shared a review of the year and some hospitality with guests.



We were delighted to have the company of some special guests – all of whom have contributed to community life in Up Hatherley. I would like to pay tribute to those guests here:

Chris Evans Many of you will know Chris from Dundry Nurseries and from his regular gardening column in this magazine. We wanted to honour Chris for his work in creating the Butterfly Graden – a far-reaching project that has enabled so very many people over the years to become included and gain valuable work experience. We also presented Chris with some funds that the 2 o'clock club has raised for the project.

Sue and Keith Gore Sue and Keith are phenomenal fund raisers for Butterfly Garden and other charities. Sue ran the 8 o'clock club at the Village Hall for over 30 years and Keith was one of the original supporters of the Hillview Community Association.

Ashley Houlton who is standing down as a Parish Councillor this year, has masterminded the local health walk for over 14 years. Just as I write this, I have seen the walkers – at least 30 of them, enjoying a walk in the Spring sunshine – so good for physical and mental well-being.

Richard Caudle, better known as Richard the postie, has been cheerfully delivering our mail for 36 years (48 years at the post office). He is a good advertisement for the value of fresh air – absolutely does not look old enough – and isn't allowed to retire anytime soon!

John Izamis Lakeside Chippy was voted the best in Cheltenham last year – but this isn't just about the food. Since Lakeside Community project was formed in 2021, John has been a key supporter – providing free of charge, sacks of potatoes and, at Christmas, a range of Christmas vegetables.

Hazel Hawkes Last but not least, we wanted to say thank you to Hazel – who has run Hawkes pharmacy since 1994 – the most friendly, efficient and caring pharmacy – where service always feels very personal – and the bell rings as you enter!

Sarah Bamford (Chair)

Citizens Advice provides an appointment only advice service on Thursday morning at the Up Hatherley Library.



**citizens
advice**

Please call 01452 527202 to arrange an appointment:

Free confidential advice on issues including:



**citizens
advice**

*Benefits * Employment
*Housing * Debt * Family * Consumer



The winners of the April Draw were

1st Prize = Guy Mewha-Williams
2nd Prize = Shirley Little
3rd Prize = Kate Naylor

The next Draw will be held on
11th May 2026

Gardening News



May be the time to get gardening (as they say in the west country). Traditionally, it has been. The month of May has always been seen as the gardening month. Garden Centres will record bigger takes in May than in any other month (unless they are selling Christmas decorations perhaps). It is the month when caution gets thrown to the wind and folk will plant whatever takes their fancy. I always encourage a bit of caution though, frost is very sneaky and so night temperatures do need watching, certainly for the tenderer subjects like Begonias and busy lizzies and on the vegetable plot all of the Marrow family and runner beans. In my early days here, I recall the night in early June when I lost several hundred boxes to a brutal late-night chill (a truly heart-breaking experience) I will still walk the site after dark and smell the air as my Dad did. Garden Centre shelves are full of good plants now and whilst bedding plants are in high demand there are some great perennials to be had too. The roses look good again this year and many are budding early. So, there's plenty to do, with many seeds that can still be sown, both flowers and vegetables. I have just sown some French Marigolds and Tagetes, two favourites that are easy to germinate and very reliable performers in the ground. They are not as popular as they once were, but are very showy. If you have never tried them, Tagetes is a great plant boasting small single flowers in marigold colours. The variety Lemon Gem is a stunning foil alongside red Geraniums. Just play and pick up the cheaper old fashioned subjects, new doesn't always mean better. If you want to container garden or make a basket, again you'll be spoilt for choice, but by the middle of the month your creations can be planted in situ.

Of course, it's time for vegetables too and if you can find a few, potatoes can still be planted, as can all of the salad crops and most of the greens including cabbage, cauliflower and sprouts. As the month draws to a close runner bean plants, together with Marrows, courgettes and cucumbers can all be planted out.

And finally, line up a bit of plant food and the hose pipe. A bit of plant food because young plants will be hungry and many composts seem light on nutrient and the hose of course because the sword of Damocles that is drought hangs perilously.

Happy Gardening

Chris Evans

Recipe for the Month

BRIOCHE BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

Serves 4 – 6

300gm Brioche Loaf

50gm Melted Butter

100gm Sultanas or Raisins

3 Eggs

75gm Caster Sugar

600ml Milk

A little cinnamon if desired

Grease a 2 pint oven dish

Slice the brioche into 2cm slices and dip in the melted butter. Arrange half in the base of the dish, scatter the dried fruit and cover with the rest of the brioche slices

Mix together the eggs, caster sugar and milk and pour over the brioche.

Leave to rest for 15 minutes and preheat oven
180c/160fan/gas4

Sprinkle with cinnamon if desired and bake 30 – 40 minutes until golden and set

CHURCH CENTRE HIRE



We are pleased to be able to offer the following availability for the regular hire of our Church Centre:

Mondays: from 09:00 – 16:00.

Wednesdays: from 09:00 - 16:00.

Thursdays: from 13:00 – 21:00.

Fridays: from 16:00 – 21:00.

For full details of availability and features please contact Guy Mewha-Williams on 07576 659969.



Ralph's Party by Lisa Jewell 1999

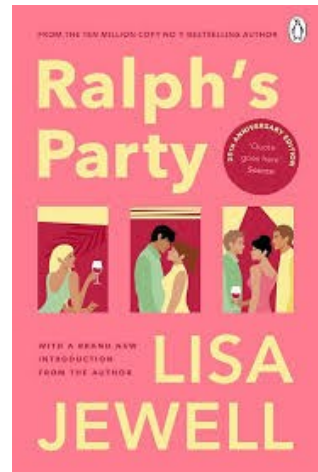
Lisa Jewell is an excellent writer – and Ralph's party was her debut novel written after she was made redundant and challenged by a friend to get started on the story she had always wanted to write. She sent 3 chapters off to agents and received 9 rejections, but the tenth agent was interested enough to ask to see the rest of it – which hadn't been written. And so, Ralph's party was born.

Ralph and Smith are best friends and London flatmates and they advertise for a lodger. Along comes the gorgeous Jemima – whose presence alters the dynamics completely. Upstairs are another couple, Karl and Siobhan who have been getting along until Cheri in the flat above sets her sights on Karl.

It's an enjoyable story about the things that make and break friendships and romances and the epicentre of the tale is Ralph's party – a lavish affair in an art gallery where Ralph's work is on show – along with everyone else's raw emotion.

Jewell creates characters that are credible – and well observed. If you are looking for an easy and enjoyable read – nothing too heavy – then Ralph's Party will do the trick nicely.

Sarah Bamford



The Church Centre...



*... is the ideal venue for...
your children's party, work's conference,
friends get together & concert performance
or that extra special occasion ...*

*Wedding breakfast &
Anniversary celebration*

*With fully equipped kitchen,
tables & chairs, disabled access
& outside space.*

*Room for Bouncy Castles, DJs
& Children's Entertainers.*

Free car parking

For further details telephone

07576 659969

What's On at our Church Centre

Mondays: 18:00-19:00 Balance of Life Pilates.

Tuesdays: 09:30-11:30 Child Minders
Pre-School Group

13:30-16:00 Strength & Balance

Wednesdays: 16:15-21:00 Slimming World

Thursdays: 09:30-12:30 Jo Jingles Play Group

Fridays: 09:30-10:30 Balance of Life Pilates.

For further details of all these activities please see
the noticeboards in the Centre lobby.



BABY CLASS RE-OPENING!



**Saints Philip and James
Church Centre,
Cold Pool Lane,
Up Hatherley**

**Thursdays
at 11:45am**



Click on the link in the post to book or
contact Gill for more information at
gillb_jojingles@hotmail.com
www.jojingles.com/centralglos

MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL & INTERMENT PLOTS

What is permitted:

Permanent stone vases are only those authorized and have permission granted, and only fresh flowers (out of their wrappings), or cuttings from shrubs and bushes, may be placed in them.

Grassed interment plots are enclosed by a band of paving. Vases should be placed on this and not on the grass, both to respect other plots and to facilitate the maintenance of the churchyard.

Small spring bulbs may be planted (from **September to October**), under the grass of a grave with minimal disturbance to the turf.

Poppies (or small wooden remembrance crosses) at the time of Remembrance Sunday. To be removed by **30th November**.

Christmas wreaths of natural foliage are welcome from mid-December. To be removed by **31st January**.

What is not permitted:

No artificial flowers of any kind. The only exception to this is for poppies on Remembrance Sunday.

No trees, shrubs, or roses are allowed to be planted.

No individual gardens are permitted.

Items not allowed because they are dangerous, interfere with grass cutting, will get damaged or are out of keeping with the churchyard, include such items as:

glass or other breakable or sharp items; chippings or gravel; pictures, portraits or photographs; statues or ornaments; lights (candles, solar or battery); plastic bowels, birdbaths; kerbs, railings or chains; windmills, wind-chimes, cards, animal figures, angels, etc.

The PCC retains the right to remove anything from the churchyard which does not comply with these or other regulations.